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*"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free"*

Downtown LA --

I'm writing this reminder because this is important. Whatever you did on the Fourth of July, you'll recognize the quote above. It is a testament to an enduring truth: the American Dream has never solely applied to citizens of the United States. It applies to anyone who dares to believe that they can build a better life and future for themselves and their family. That's what makes this the greatest country on earth.

[But now, as the dreams of five million hard-working immigrants are put on hold, our country needs you to stand up for one of our most important ideals.](#)

When the Texas court halted the President's executive order on immigration, it threatened the livelihoods and the future of millions who hold out hope in the promise of the American Dream. These are families -- often children -- who have spent years building lives and strengthening communities in the United States.

[Stand up for our neighbors and our families. Add your name to our list of supporters who believe in the promise of the American Dream.](#)

Thank you for all you do.

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